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Nomination of members to local bodies.

629 Q.—Mr. V. Hamid Sultan Marakkayar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state on what principle the nominations of members to local bodies are made; whether it is on the recommendations of the Collectors, or on those of the presidents of the boards and of the chairmen of the councils, or by Government direct?

A.—In nominating members to district boards and municipal councils, the Government are guided by the principles laid down in section 9 of the Local Boards Act and section 7 of the District Municipalities Act. Under these sections the Government are at liberty, in selecting their nominees, to adopt whatever procedure they deem fit. The Government have no information as to the procedure adopted by presidents of district boards in nominating members to taluk boards or by presidents of taluk boards in nominating members to union boards.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Do the Government generally approve the principle of nominating candidates defeated in election?"

The hon. the Raja of Panagal:—"There is no hard and fast rule that defeated candidates should not be nominated."

Remuneration to Muhammad Abdul Samad Sahib for recruiting work during war.

630 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi Muhammad Abdur Rahman Sahib: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one Muhammad Abdul Samad Sahib, a clerk of the Sub-Registrar's office, Tuni, Godavari district, was employed by Government as a recruiting officer during the war;

(*b*) what was the work done by him in 1916–17 and in 1918;

(*c*) whether he was paid travelling and other expenses or any other remuneration for the work done by him;

(*d*) whether he incurred any pecuniary losses for obtaining recruits and whether any grant of lands was promised to him;

(*e*) whether there is any military department's order to the effect that a commission may be conferred on any one who secures 100 combatants within three months and whether the said person was eligible for the same; and

(*f*) how the Government are going to reward him for his services seeing that he spent money from his pocket for this recruiting work and that his health also was affected by constant travelling?

A.—Muhammad Abdul Samad was reported to have done good work as a recruiter on behalf of the Rani of Tuni and was awarded a war badge in 1919. The Government have no information on the other points raised in the question.

Construction of platforms, etc., at railway stations.

631 Q.—Mr. A. T. Palmer: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any principle followed in the construction of railway platforms in regard to their height;